



Office of Student Financial Aid

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Study Abroad - Financial Aid Checklist

To receive approval for financial aid eligibility while enrolled in a **non-Wayne State University Study Abroad program**, you must complete all steps listed below. This checklist is for your own records and you do not need to submit it to the financial aid office.

Completion Date	<h3>Steps to Receive Aid</h3>
_____	<p>1. Meet with your academic advisor to obtain approval of the study program and the courses you wish to enroll in at the host institution.</p> <p>The program and courses must be relevant to your degree plan at Wayne State University.</p> <p>Your advisor must complete the “Home Institution” section of the consortium agreement and sign the agreement to show departmental approval.</p> <p>Note: Approval by the department indicates course equivalency has been established through a Transfer Credit Evaluation and ALL credits received at the host institution will be transferred to WSU.</p>
_____	<p>2. Ask your host institution to complete the consortium agreement.</p> <p>Submit the consortium agreement to the financial aid office at the host institution where you plan to study abroad.</p> <p>The financial aid office at your host school must complete the “Host Institution” section, sign and return the agreement to you.</p>
_____	<p>3. Verify that the Consortium Agreement is completed and signed.</p> <p>After receiving the completed consortium agreement from the host institution, review the agreement to ensure it has been completed and signed by all parties.</p>
_____	<p>4. Submit of the agreement to the WSU Office of Student Financial Aid.</p> <p>Submit the completed/signed consortium agreement to WSU Office of Student Financial Aid.</p>
_____	<p>5. A financial aid officer in the WSU Financial Aid Office will review the Consortium Agreement and determine your financial aid eligibility.</p> <p>WSU Financial Aid Office staff will review the agreement and will determine your financial aid eligibility.</p>
_____	<p>6. Financial aid funds will be disbursed directly to you. It is your responsibility to pay all charges to the host institution.</p> <p>WSU will disburse aid funds within four weeks after we receive all of your financial aid application materials OR at the beginning of the study abroad period, whichever occurs later. Be prepared to pay any up front study abroad travel, program fees and deposits on your own.</p>
_____	<p>7. Submit a transcript for all courses to WSU Transfer Credit Evaluation.</p> <p>Aid for your next semester at WSU will not be applied until your grades are reviewed and we have confirmed your enrollment and satisfactory academic progress status.</p>



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Study Abroad - Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I use financial aid funding to pay for a study abroad program?

Yes, you may be eligible to receive federal financial aid funds for a study abroad program. To receive aid funding, you must meet the enrollment requirements of the award.

If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use those funds towards WSU study abroad programs.

However, if you are approved for aid to attend non-WSU programs, you will be eligible to receive only Federal Direct Loans, the Federal Pell Grant and alternative private loans. Federal Perkins loans and WSU grants are not available to students studying abroad under consortium agreements. Alternative/private loans must be lender approved.

2. How much does it cost to participate in a study abroad program?

Determining the total costs to participate in a student abroad program is the first step when considering studying abroad. The Study Abroad Office has this information available online at www.studyabroad.wayne.edu. If you are attending a WSU program, you may want to consider filing a Budget Adjustment Request form available on our forms page.

If you are attending a non-WSU program, we will use the cost of attendance figures from your host school to determine your aid eligibility.

3. Do I qualify for additional grants/scholarships while participating in a study abroad program?

Additional grants/scholarships awarded by your department or college may be used to pay for study abroad programs. You will need to research and apply for these opportunities on your own. If you are receiving a scholarship and have questions about the availability of these funds for a study abroad program, contact the department awarding the scholarship.

4. What steps do I need to follow in order to use financial aid funding for a study abroad program?

The first step is having a valid FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with WSU for the academic year. If your financial aid application is selected for a review process known as verification, this review must be completed before any financial aid funding can be disbursed.

5. When I do receive the aid?

WSU will disburse aid funds within four weeks after we receive all of your financial aid application materials OR at the beginning of the study abroad period, whichever occurs later.

This may mean that you will have to pay any up front study abroad travel, program fees and deposits on your own.

Financial aid funds will be disbursed directly to you. It is your responsibility to pay all charges to the host institution. We encourage you to sign up for direct deposit to receive funds directly deposited to your bank account.

6. Is there anything else I need to remember?

Remember to submit your transcript showing the final grades you received for your program. We can't apply aid for your next semester until we review your enrollment and satisfactory academic progress status.

Remember that if you drop out or fail to earn credits after your financial aid has paid you may be required to return funds.